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FOREIGN OFFICE PRESS DEPARTMENT GAVE OFF-THE-RECORD BACKGROUND  
BRIEFING TO SELECTED BRITISH JOURNALISTS APRIL 15 WHICH  
REFLECTED BRITISH NERVOUSNESS THAT HIGH-FLIGHTS INTO BERLIN  
MIGHT JEOPARDIZE SUMMIT MEETING. OUR CORRESPONDENT WHO  
PRESENT AT BRIEFING STATED THAT LONDON TIMES AND DAILY  
HERALD'S EDITORIALS REPORTED IN REFERENCE TELEGRAM WERE  
FOREIGN OFFICE INSPIRED. SAME SOURCE STATED THAT ACCORDING  
TO FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN FOREIGN SECRETARY SELWYN LLOYD  
WHEN IN WASHINGTON LAST MONTH RECEIVED IMPRESSION THAT  
STATE DEPARTMENT AND PENTAGON DISAGREED ON ADVISABILITY  
OF HIGH-FLIGHTS INTO BERLIN AND THAT RECURRENCE OF THESE  
FLIGHTS SUGGESTED THAT PENTAGON HAD WON OUT OVER STATE.

SAME SOURCE REPORTED THAT FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN INDICATED  
HMG WANTED SUMMIT MEETING IN VIENNA DURING AUGUST.

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